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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I want to take this opportunity to inform you of a fantastic educational opportunity for you and your students that is coming to Boise this spring. Mark your calendars now for the **“Tools for Life 2007: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair”** at the Doubletree Hotel in Boise on March 5-6, 2007.

Tools for Life 2007 is a two-day conference designed for anyone who has an interest in supporting students with disabilities as they transition from school to life. This includes secondary educators, post-secondary educators, special educators, counselors, service providers, job developers, and *especially secondary students with disabilities and their families*. This two-day event will feature special keynote speakers, student panel discussions, and presentations by regional and national experts on issues surrounding secondary transition and assistive technology.

This is an amazing opportunity for transitioning students with disabilities, and we encourage you to consider attending this event! The registration fee is **\$50 per person** (for both students and non-students).

This year we are strongly urging parents and schools to take an active part in assisting their students with disabilities to look to their own communities for the financial assistance they need to attend the conference. Below are several specific places that we recommend you look to raise money for your student(s):

Ask Your School: The first place to begin your search for financial assistance is to ask your local school principal. School districts often designate specific funds for student travel for athletics, academic competitions, and musical performances, and we recommend that you explain this “field trip” to them as a similar and equally important event. Schools should truly be willing to offer financial support for students to travel to the *largest educational transition and assistive technology fair in the state of Idaho*.

Contact Local Businesses: Many local businesses are eager to offer financial donations for worthy causes, especially when the request is personal and they know they are supporting a *specific* student with a *specific* need. Contact local businesses in your area such as banks, law firms, and large corporations such as Wal-Mart, Albertsons, and Target to ask for support of financial donations.

Contact Non-Profit Organizations: Many local, non-profit fraternal and community service organizations are also willing to support students who have special needs and specific requests. Contact your local branch of non-profit clubs such as the Elks, Moose,

Lions, and Rotary to see if they have funds available to help send a student to the fair. It may help if you offer to have your student(s) attend a local chapter meeting to meet the members and introduce themselves.

“Sponsor a Student” Donation Form: We have enclosed a copy of an informational flyer about Tools for Life 2007. Provide this flyer to local businesses when you are approaching them in order to give them a better understanding of what you are asking them to support. The flyer includes event information, facts, pictures, talking points, and a donation form where businesses can sign up to donate. All donations must be sent to the Idaho Assistive Technology Project office and, if applicable, specify the student or school that it is designed to sponsor.

* If you need additional copies of the donation form to give to businesses, you may access the form and print copies from our website at www.idahoat.org, or you may contact Kristen Hagen at 1-800-432-8324 and request additional copies through the mail.

Stipends are available for transitioning students to attend the Tools for Life Fair. We have a limited number of stipends available for students to use toward registration fees and travel expenses. If you have exhausted the options above and are still unable to afford the conference expenses, you may contact us directly, and we can let you know if stipend money is still available.

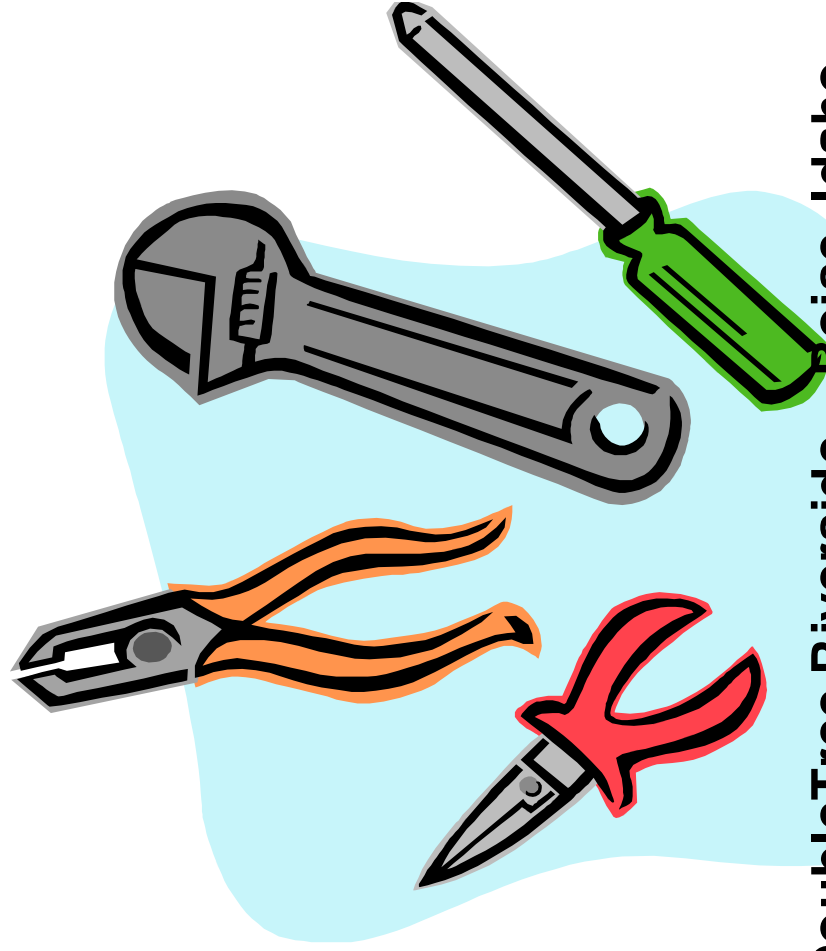
We are very excited about the upcoming conference, and invite you to attend! If you have any questions about the event, please contact us at 1-800-432-8324.

Sincerely,

Nora Jehn

Training Coordinator
Idaho Assistive Technology Project

Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair



**DoubleTree Riverside – Boise, Idaho
2900 Chinden Blvd.
March 5 & 6, 2007**

Sponsored by:

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Idaho Assistive Technology Project,
Center on Disabilities and Human Development***

and

***The Idaho Interagency Council on
Secondary Transition***

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Fair Presentations: Presentations will focus on supporting transitioning students from high school to life. Participants are invited to attend tracks of their choice.

Presentations in addition to our keynote speakers will include:

Assistive Technology Vendors

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

Idaho Parents Unlimited

United Cerebral Palsy

Idaho Institutions of Higher Ed - Recruitment and Student Support Services

Various Idaho Agencies

And More!

Watch for the Presentation Schedule to be listed on the IATP www.idahoat.org and Idaho Training Clearinghouse www.idahotc.com websites.

Come and Get Inspired by our Keynote Speakers:

Monday, March 5th Morning Keynote - Brett Eastburn

Brett Eastburn was born in 1971 with a congenital birth defect known as Quadmembral Limbs Deficiency. He has no arms and no legs and truly believes he was also born with no handicaps! While in school, Brett played baseball, football, basketball, and became an accomplished swimmer. In junior high he began competing with the wrestling team and wrestled on the high school varsity team. In the 1988 wrestling competition under the AAU, Brett placed 4th in the nation. During Brett's senior year he was made one of the team captains. After graduating he became a green belt in the martial arts. Brett is also an accomplished artist with national recognition. Brett is currently working full-time as a motivational and inspirational speaker. He is also a certified substitute teacher in his home town area.



Brett with his service dog, Murray



Monday, Lunch Panel Discussion - Betsy Valnes

Betsy Valnes currently serves as the Executive Director for the National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN), a national non-profit organization for young people with disabilities. NYLN supports and educates young leaders to work toward increasing the voice of young people in national policy, program development, and youth empowerment. She also serves as an Ex-Officio/Mentor with the National Council on Disability Youth Advisory Council.

Tuesday, March 6th Morning Keynote - Edie Bush

Edie Bush is a lifetime resident of Caribou County, Idaho. She graduated from Soda Springs High School as Valedictorian in 1958. Her first husband passed away as a result of heart disease in 1999. After nearly four years, Edie met and married her Prince Charming, Jerry Bush. Seven months later Edie suddenly found herself facing death as DIC (Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation) attempted to take her life. News of her situation spread. Prayer circles mentioned her name. Those prayers were heard and she survived. After 32 days in a coma, Edie woke to find all four of her limbs had been amputated. Therapy and prosthetics made it possible for her to return to work seven days after she left the hospital.



Visit the Exhibit Hall:

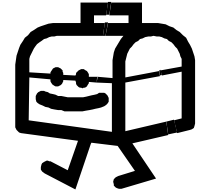
Come to the Exhibit Hall to visit with Assistive Technology Vendors and Idaho Statewide Agencies/Organizations. Find out what resources are available to help meet the needs of transitioning students. Vendor Hall will be open from 9:00am-4:00pm each day.

Lunch Provided Both Days and is Included in Registration Fee

March 5th: Lunch Panel Discussion - Betsy Valnes & Panel

Join us for this box lunch event.

March 6th: Lunch Speaker - To Be Announced



Registration:

The Registration Fee of **\$50.00** includes Fair attendance and lunch on both days.

You may register either online at www.idahoat.org or by mail. Mail-in registration can be completed by returning the attached registration slip (along with registration fee) to **Kristen Hagen, IATP, 129 West Third Street, Moscow, ID 83843** or by faxing the registration form to 208-885-3628 and mailing the registration fee to the address listed.

Stipends Available to Transitioning Students:

Stipends are available for transitioning high-school students who wish to attend. The funds may be used for expenses related to travel and attending the ***Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair***. Stipend amounts will be awarded on a case by case basis. To apply for a stipend, please contact Irene Lunsford at irenel@uidaho.edu or call 1-800-432-8324.

Credit Available:

On-site Registration (Attendance on BOTH days is required for UI credit)

University of Idaho Academic Credit (1.0) will be offered, **requiring attendance on both days** (\$82.00/\$69.00) as well as CEU's (\$25 fee). Contact the IATP for more information. (Credit fees may be paid at time of on-site registering and are separate from Registration Fees.)

Lodging:

Reservations can be made at the DoubleTree Boise Riverside Hotel by calling (208) 343-1871 or 1-800-343-1871. Mention the "Tools for Life Fair" when making reservations. Rooms are \$84.00 per night.



Mail Registration below with Registration Fee to:

Idaho Assistive Technology Project
Attn: Kristen Hagen
129 West Third St.
Moscow, ID 83843

Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair

Please check ✓ which date(s) you are interested in attending

☐ Monday, March 5

Remember: Both days are required for UI credit!!

☐ Tuesday, March 6

Yes! Register me for the Fair: (Please print clearly and complete fully)

___ Student ___ Educator ___ Professional ___ Family Member
___ Presenter/Exhibitor ___ College Mentor

(\$50.00 Registration Fee Enclosed, made payable to CDHD)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Address (if applicable): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

School/Organization Name: _____

School/Organization Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Disability: _____

Accommodations Required:

ADA Accessibility Needs: Dietary Restrictions, Large Print, Braille, ASL Translation, etc.

Transitioning
Students are
Encouraged
to Attend!

Check the IATP website at www.idahoat.org and the Idaho Training Clearinghouse at www.idahotc.com for Presentation Track information to appear.

QUESTIONS? Call the IATP at 1-800-432-8324 or email the staff below:

General Fair Questions - email Sue House (sueh@uidaho.edu)

Registration - email Kristen Hagen (kristenh@uidaho.edu)

Stipends - email Irene Lunsford (irenel@uidaho.edu)



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The Third Annual

Tools for Life 2007: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair

Doubletree Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho

March 5-6, 2007

Sponsor a Student

What is the Tools for Life Fair?

The Tools for Life Fair is a two-day conference designed to:

- ❖ Educate high school students with disabilities, educators, service providers, and families about transition issues from high school to post-secondary education, independent living, and/or employment (CEU and academic credit available)
- ❖ Provide attendees with hands-on knowledge of assistive technology devices and software to promote independence
- ❖ Teach self-determination and self-advocacy skills
- ❖ Provide information on resources, schools, agencies, and recreational opportunities for students with disabilities



Conference Organizers

- ❖ Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition
- ❖ Idaho State Department of Education
- ❖ Idaho Assistive Technology Project
- ❖ Center on Disabilities and Human Development

Attendees

- ❖ High school students with disabilities
- ❖ Educators & School Counselors
- ❖ Service Providers and State Agencies
- ❖ Family Members



Conference Highlights

- ❖ Nationally recognized keynote speaker with personal experience in overcoming challenges posed by a disability
- ❖ Youth leadership panel discussions
- ❖ 45 breakout sessions on information technology, assistive technology devices and software, services, self-determination, post-secondary education, community living, employment, resources, and recreation
- ❖ 47 vendor, post-secondary education, and agency booths in the halls and ballroom
- ❖ 544 attendees at Tools for Life '06

Consumer Satisfaction

- ❖ As one of the largest educational conferences in the state of Idaho, Tools '06 impacted those who attended as well as countless others who were impacted by those attendees who returned to their schools, agencies, and communities to share information gained from one of the most successful secondary transition and technology fairs in Idaho's history.

Comments from Attendees:

"I am so glad I heard about this conference!! It's been a wonderful resource!!"

-Parent of child with disability, Tools '06

"Keynote speakers were inspiring and talented! Very valuable information -- well done!"

- Adult with disability, Tools '06

"This conference was a real eye-opener for me. I came to appreciate the student presenters. They have keen minds and great ideas and a lot to contribute to our communities if we allow them to. Thanks so much for this fair."

-Special Educator, Tools '06

How You Can Help: Sponsor a Student!!

Many Idaho students with disabilities need scholarships to attend the **Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair** in Boise on March 5-6, 2007. Scholarships are provided by sponsors like you who help students with challenges become independent and productive members of our state and communities. We need your help to make this possible!

The average cost for an out-of-town student to attend the Fair (including registration, hotel, and travel arrangements) is approximately \$400.

Please cut here and mail in this form with your donation.

☐ Yes, I will contribute: (circle one) \$50 \$100 \$200 \$300 \$400 Other \$_____

If applicable, please specify the **student** and/or **school** that this contribution is for:

☐ Yes, I will donate a prize to be raffled off at the conference.

Item: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Please make checks payable to the **Center on Disabilities and Human Development** (or **CDHD**) and mail to:

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Idaho Assistive Technology Project
Attn: Kristen Hagen
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Moscow, Idaho 83843

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Third Annual **Tools for Life 2007: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair**

Student Stipend Application

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Students may apply for a stipend to pay for travel to *Tools for Life*. The stipend funds may be used for expenses related to travel and attending the conference. Stipend amounts will be awarded on a case by case basis. Students who are interested in a stipend need to fill out the application on the next page.



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3rd Annual - Tools for Life 2007: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair

Doubletree Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho
March 5-6, 2007

Student Stipend Form

Students must complete ALL information on this application. Please type or print with black or blue ink. Mail the completed application to:

Center on Disabilities and Human Development
IATP Student Stipends
129 W. Third Street
Moscow, ID 83843
Voice: 1-800-432-8324, Fax: 208-885-3628

Section 1: Contact information

Student's Last Name	First	Middle	Male	Female
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Residence Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Mailing address, if different from above	City	State	Zip Code
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(Area Code) Home Telephone Number	Email Address
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Parent(s) Last Name	First Name
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Parent's Email	Parent's Telephone Number
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Section 2: School Information

Grade Level	Birth Date	Expected Graduate Date
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High School	School Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Section 3: Briefly describe your disability _____